

# CSAAPT Business Meeting October 23, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Conducting: Jason Sterlace, President      Commenced: 4:18 pm      Attendance at Business Meeting: 12

Number who pre-registered for the conference was about 140. Maximum number at any one time on Zoom was 68.

Number of participants who came to at least part of the conference was 88.

Number of presenters: 14      Number of share-a-thon presentations: 9

A number of breakout rooms were established to allow for conversation between peers during lunch, during breaks and following the conference.

There were no prizes awarded at this Spring Meeting and there was no registration fee, because it was a virtual meeting. No dues were collected. Tatsu Takeuchi managed Indico, which was used for registration and abstract collection. In this Fall Meeting each session had a different president. The Zoom Meeting platform was provided by Tatsu Takeuchi.

**Minutes of the April 17, 2021 Meeting** were approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Income since the Spring 2021 Meeting      Interest      \$0.46

Expenses since the Spring 2021 Meeting      Domain name registration/IT cost      \$32.98

Wells Fargo Account Balance: Starting Balance \$10789.65      Ending Balance \$10757.13

## Elections

The nominations committee proposed the following slate of candidates:

President: Jason Sterlace (One year term)

Vice President: Tatsu Takeuchi (One year term)

Treasurer: Brett Taylor (Two year term)

The nominations committee did not propose a nominee for Section Rep (two year term),

but there was one self nomination by James Freericks. (Deonna Woolard has just completed her maximum of eight consecutive years as Section Rep and was not eligible for another term)

Those in attendance approved this slate of candidates, but it was proposed that all those who attended the meeting should also have a chance to vote for these candidates. The chair of the nominations committee is going to send out a ballot to all of those who attended the meeting. Normally, only dues paying members are eligible to vote, but since dues have not been collected during the pandemic, the Executive Committee decided to extend the vote to all who attended.

Elena Kuchina will continue as the Communications Liaison, upon her appointment by the Executive Committee.

There was no nomination for the Secretary, since David Wright has just completed one year of a two year term.

## Future Section Meetings

1. The Spring 2022 Meeting is scheduled for April 2 at Radford University, in Radford, Virginia. It will be a hybrid meeting, with all invited to attend in person, but with the presentations being carried by Zoom to a virtual audience as well. An organization committee, which will consist of the Executive Committee plus a few additional members, will plan the meeting.

2. The Fall 2022 Meeting is tentatively set for the Virginia Tech Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church, next to the West Falls Church Metro Station.

3. It was decided not to attempt to establish joint meetings with neighboring AAPT sections, but to advertise our section meetings to neighboring sections, so that individuals can attend.

Section Rep report: Deonna Woolard explained the difference between AAPT and CSAAPT and encouraged our members to also join AAPT. She also discussed the upcoming meetings, which will be a virtual Winter Meeting 2022, 2022 Summer Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Winter 2023 Meeting in Portland, Oregon. The Summer Meetings for 2025 and 2027 will be in Washington DC. She also presented the responsibilities of the Section Rep, and outlined what financial aid was available.

## Discussions:

1. Helping to meet the needs of High School Physics teachers was discussed, including how to make our meetings relevant to their needs and how to schedule workshops (similar to the 2019 workshop at VCU) and other CEU activities to help them with their certification and professional development. It was noted, for example, that Virginia teachers need 270 credits over 10 years, with 1 credit being the equivalent of 10 hours. Price of in person attendance at CSAAPT meetings, and the need for more equipment at the High Schools, was also discussed.
2. It was recommended that we review the benefits of AAPT with the participants in our next CSAAPT meeting.
3. The members were in agreement, that future face-to-face meetings should also be broadcast live, like in our past several meetings. The idea of having door prizes, or activities at the meetings that would be a bonus for those attending in person was discussed.
4. It was decided that it would be a good idea to investigate doing some in depth Tutorials (i.e. LaTeX, Mathematica, and Python) and Study Groups (i.e. Quantum Mechanics, Special Relativity, Physics Book Club). These could meet online between our CSAAPT meetings, perhaps once a week for 5 or 10 weeks and give CEU credit.
5. The concern was raised that the social interactions of in-person meetings are hard to match in a virtual meeting. Some ideas of what could be done were discussed, such as games and other interactive activities. Creating a sense of community is an important function of these meetings.
6. We will be attempting to slice the video of the presentations of this meeting, so that individual presentations can be accessed.
7. A discussion of dues led to the conclusion that we should begin collecting dues, and we will come up with a plan of the best way to do that.
8. There will be a post meeting survey distributed to those in attendance. It will ask such questions as, are you likely to come again, what did you like and dislike, and what would you recommend for our future meetings. The survey will also ask what CSAAPT activities with CEU credit, such as software tutorials and study groups, members would like to see scheduled between our regular meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm